GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:411
ANSWERED ON:21.08.2003
GOLDEN HOUR SCHEME
NARESH KUMAR PUGLIA;PADAMSEN CHAUDHARY

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have launched a `Golden Hour' scheme aimed at making available the rescue team and the medical team to the victims of rail accidents within 60 to 90 minutes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this scheme has been launched at some selected zones;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith funds earmarked for this purpose;

(e) the time by which all the railway zones are likely to be covered under this `Golden Hour' scheme; and

(f) the amount involved to implement the scheme at all railway zones?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR)

(a) to (f) : A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 411 BY SHRI PADAM SEN CHOUDHRY AND SHRI NARESH PUGLIA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 21.08.2003 REGARDING GOLDEN HOUR SCHEME

(a) & (b) : The first hour after an accident is termed as the `Golden Hour', as it is believed that chances of survival of a victim increase manifold if medical/surgical intervention is arranged within this hour.

Although no `Golden Hour' scheme has been launched, Railways are making concerted efforts to accelerate the relief to reach the accident victims within the `Golden Hour', as much as possible.

(c) to (f) : The strengthening of the infrastructure to speed up relief work has been taken up simultaneously in all the Railway Zones. Approximate cost of the implementation of this project is Rs.400 crores, to be spent in the next three years.